

Corsham Area (Pilot Area Board) Task Group
Notes of meeting
Thursday 20th November 2008
Corsham Town Council Offices

1. Attendees

Julia Stacey WCC Community Planner, Judy Seager WCC, Cllr Peter Kallmeier WCC Youth Development Services, Elaine Marston NWDC Area 4 Committee, Christine Reid NWDC Area 4 Committee, Nicholas Keyworth Corsham Town Council, Louise Clark Colerne PC, Cllr Peter Davis WCC, Peter Tapscott CACP, Mary Harvey, Liam Tatton Bennet Community First, Sheila Parker NWDC Area 4 Committee, Jenny Hartless NWDC Area 4 Committee, Dave Roberts WCC Project Manager.

2. Apologies

Jo Howes, Mike Franklin, Kate Pain, Steve McGrath & Helen Wright

3. Notes of Last Meeting

The notes of the meeting held 21st October were agreed as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

DR informed the group that he fed back the comments made at the last meeting and these comments will be incorporated into the next draft. CR also informed the group that she attended a meeting on 4th November with other project managers and chairs of Area Boards. She went on to say that this was a very useful meeting where she learned about what other Area Boards were doing and shared views on the rulebook.

5. Community Engagement Events Update

NK gave an update to those present. He explained that in the Corsham Community Area we are engaging with the public in a different way to most other areas. This is to find out what the key issues, priorities and concerns are for the area. Dates are almost finalised and each member will receive a copy of the programme. Findings from the event will be fed back to the Task group, the future Area Board for the Corsham Community Area and Corsham Area Community Partnership to identify what should be considered as priorities for the coming year.

6. Sticky Issues

Transport

J Seager outlined the idea behind sticky issues being brought to the task group and a future Area Board.

LTB, J Stacey and NK gave an update to the group about the issue of public transport. They have met with extended schools coordinator with regard to the shortage and use of mini buses. Extended schools are undertaking a survey to identify demand and gaps. They are happy to share findings. There appears to be a need in the area and a need to look at integrating existing transport. There is a need to undertake a mapping exercise to look at existing provision, identify gaps and

possible solutions. PD advised that there is in the region of £9 million spent on school transport across the county so WCC will need to be made aware of and involved in future discussions.

PK raised the issue of training and insurance for any future sharing scheme. LTB informed the group that he had experience of this and it will be built in to any future plans.

LTB offered to lead on the transport issue. PD and SP will join the existing group.

Youth Issues

Members of Colerne Parish Council made the group aware that there is a lack of provision for young people in Colerne and that several meetings have taken place over a period of about two years to try to resolve both the provision issue and that of anti social behaviour. These meetings have involved several agencies and organisations including Police, Youth Development Service and MOD. There have been several options explored including using the pavilion and the old school hall but no solutions has yet been found.

There are several examples of successful partnership working across the county and some good examples in Box and Corsham.

PK informed the group that he has been working in Colerne for approx 9 months with a small group of young people and through this group has secured a grant of £3000.00 towards equipment which needs to be allocated by March 2009. He is committed to trying to find a solution. It was noted that most if not all people who have attended meetings are committed to resolving issues in the area but this has proved difficult to date. Colerne PC asked the Task Group to adopt this as an official Sticky Issue. The group agreed to adopt this and DR offered to coordinate a meeting to be held in January 2009 to try to move the issue forward.

7. Linking with Area 4 Meeting in January 2009

DR informed the group that NWDC Corsham Area 4 Committee meetings do not now have much more than funding to deal with at their bi-monthly meetings and in fact had allocated final funds at the meeting held earlier in the week. He suggested that Corsham Area 4 Committee meetings and Task Group meetings could now be merged to mirror what a future Area Board for the Community Area might look like apart from the elected members of the new Wiltshire Council post-April 2009. The group agreed that this was a sensible way forward and to this end the next meeting for this group will be a joint meeting with Corsham Area 4 Committee meetings and will take place on Tuesday January 20th. J Seager and EM will meet to explore how this can be achieved.

8. Police Update

A report was circulated prior to the meeting and the group commented that this was very useful information. There were no questions arising from this agenda item.

9. Communication Strategy

A paper was circulated prior to the meeting which outlined what any group ought to be striving towards if they are to be effective with communications. The group

welcomed this document and asked that it be used as an aid in future communications.

10. Date of Next Meeting

As stated in Agenda Item 7 above. The next meeting will be a joint meeting and held **7.00pm at Corsham Town Council on Tuesday 20th January 2009**